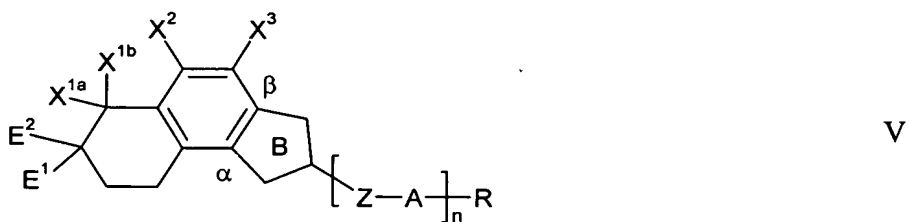
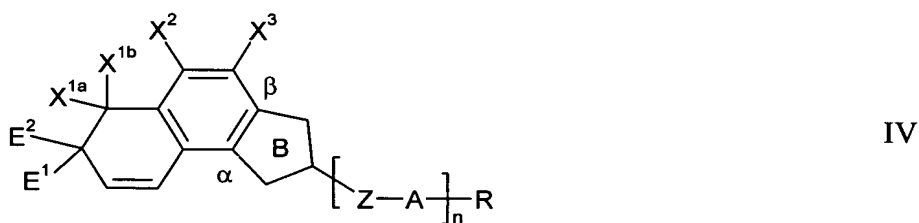
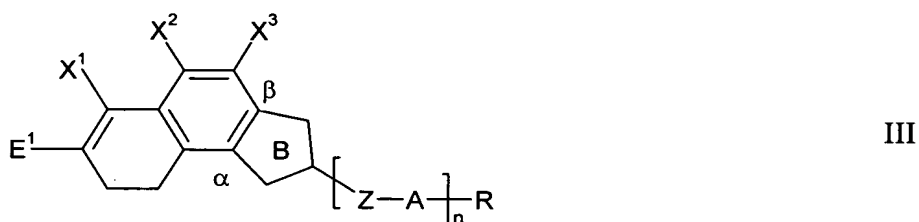
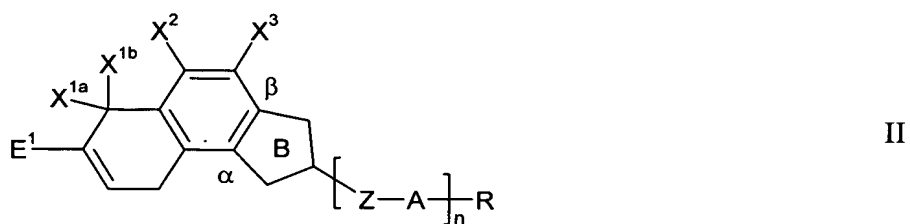
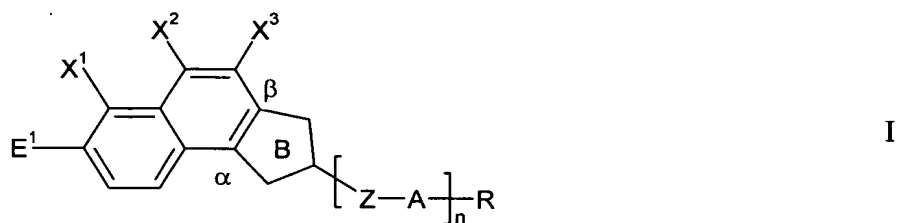


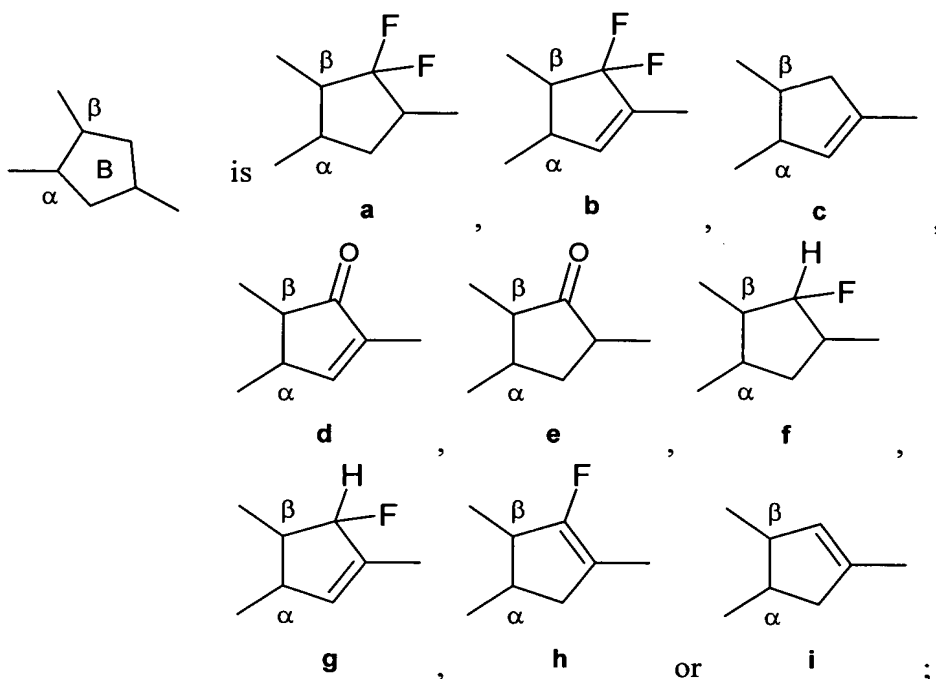
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) Cyclopenta[a]naphthalene derivative of the general formula I, II, III, IV or V



in which:



A is in each case, independently of one another, 1,4-phenylene, in which $=CH-$ may be replaced once or twice by $=N-$, and which may be monosubstituted to tetrasubstituted, independently of one another, by halogen ($-F$, $-Cl$, $-Br$, $-I$), $-CN$, $-CH_3$, $-CH_2F$, $-CHF_2$, $-CF_3$, $-OCH_3$, $-OCH_2F$, $-OCHF_2$ or $-OCF_3$, 1,4-cyclohexylene, 1,4-cyclohexenylene or 1,4-cyclohexadienylene, in which $-CH_2-$ may in each case be replaced once or twice, independently of one another, by $-O-$ or $-S-$ in such a way that heteroatoms are not linked directly, and which all may be monosubstituted or polysubstituted by halogen;

Z is in each case, independently of one another, a single bond, a double bond, $-CF_2O-$, $-OCF_2-$, $-CH_2CH_2-$, $-CF_2CF_2-$, $-CF_2-CH_2-$, $-CH_2-CF_2-$, $-CHF-CHF-$, $-C(O)O-$, $-OC(O)-$, $-CH_2O-$, $-OCH_2-$, $-CF=CH-$, $-CH=CF-$, $-CF=CF-$, $-CH=CH-$ or $-C\equiv C-$;

R is hydrogen, an alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl or alkynyl radical having from 1 to 15 or 2 to 15 carbon atoms respectively which is unsubstituted, monosubstituted by $-CN$ or $-CF_3$ or at least monosubstituted by halogen, where, in addition, one or more CH_2 groups in these radicals may each, independently of one another, be replaced by

-O-, -S-, -CO-, -COO-, -OCO- or -OCO-O- in such a way that heteroatoms are not linked directly, halogen, -CN, -SCN, -NCS, -SF₅, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -OCHF₂ or -OCH₂F;

X¹, X^{1a}, X^{1b}, X² and X³ are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, an alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl or alkynyl radical having from 1 to 15 or 2 to 15 carbon atoms respectively which is unsubstituted or at least monosubstituted by halogen, where, in addition, one or more CH₂ groups in these radicals may each, independently of one another, be replaced by -O-, -S-, -CO-, -COO-, -OCO- or -OCO-O- in such a way that heteroatoms are not linked directly, halogen, -CN, -SF₅, -SCN, -NCS, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -OCHF₂ or -OCH₂F;

E¹ and E² are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, an alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl or alkynyl radical having from 1 to 15 or 2 to 15 carbon atoms respectively which is unsubstituted, monosubstituted by -CN or -CF₃ or at least monosubstituted by halogen, where, in addition, one or more CH₂ groups in these radicals may each, independently of one another, be replaced by -O-, -S-, -CO-, -COO-, -OCO- or -OCO-O- in such a way that heteroatoms are not linked directly, halogen, -CN, -SCN, -NCS, -SF₅, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -OCHF₂, -OCH₂F or -(Z-A)_n-R; and

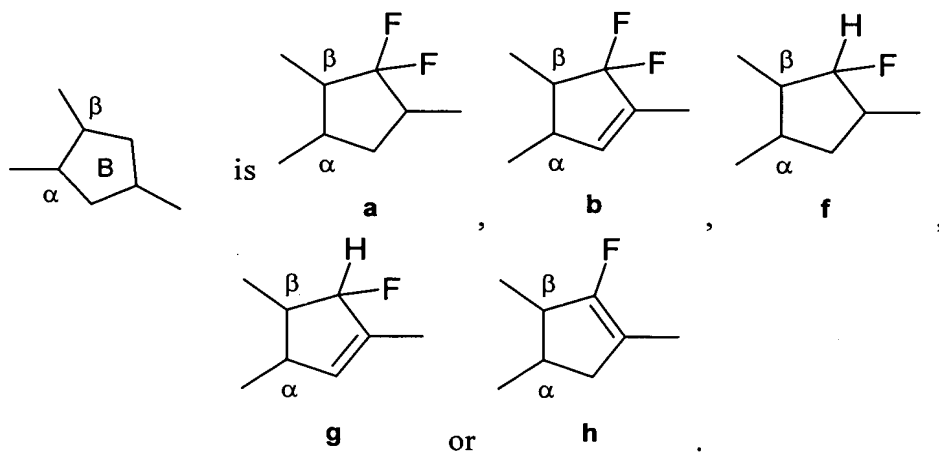
n is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

where

in the formula I, ring B does not stand for the formula **c** if X¹, X² and X³ are simultaneously hydrogen, and

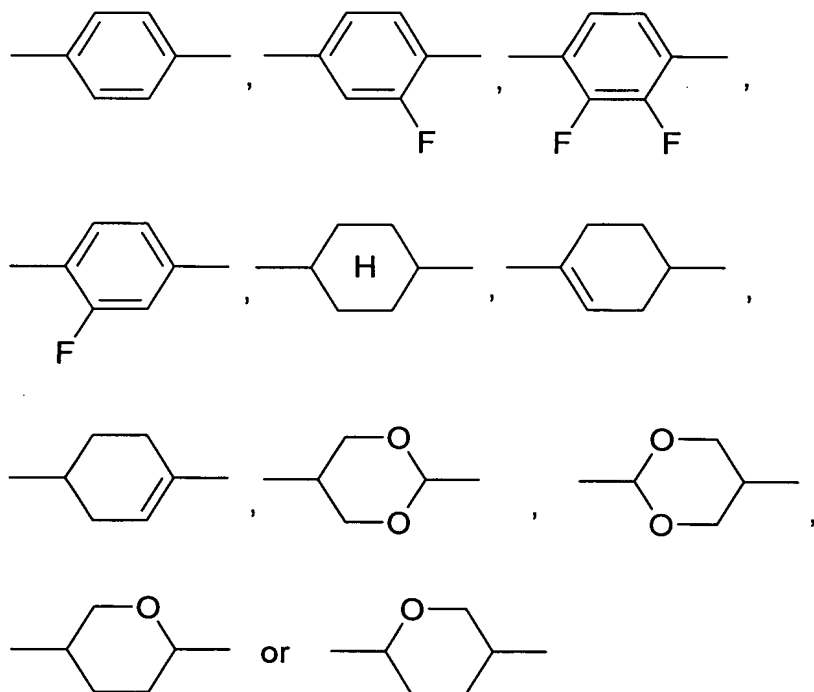
in the formula I, ring B does not stand for the formula **e** if X² and X³ are simultaneously fluorine or if E¹ is hydrogen and simultaneously X¹ and X² are fluorine.

2. (Original) Cyclopenta[a]naphthalene derivative according to Claim 1, characterised in that



3. (Currently Amended) Cyclopenta[a]naphthalene derivative according to Claim 1 or 2, characterised in that
 Z is a single bond, -CF₂O-, -OCF₂-, -CF₂CF₂-, -CH=CH-, -CF=CH-, -CH=CF- or -CF=CF-.

4. (Currently Amended) Cyclopenta[a]naphthalene derivative according to claim 1 at least one of the preceding claims, characterised in that
 A is



5. (Currently Amended) Cyclopenta[a]naphthalene derivative according to claim 1 ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~, characterised in that
R is an alkyl radical, alkoxy radical or alkenyl radical having from 1 to 7 or 2 to 7 carbon atoms respectively.
6. (Currently Amended) Cyclopenta[a]naphthalene derivative according to claim 1 ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~, characterised in that
E¹ and E², independently of one another, are hydrogen, an alkyl radical or alkoxy radical having from 1 to 7 carbon atoms, fluorine, chlorine or $-(Z-A)_n-R$, in which n is 1, Z is a single bond, A is 1,4-cyclohexylene or optionally mono- or poly-fluorine-substituted 1,4-phenylene, and R is alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl having from 1 to 7 or 2 to 7 carbon atoms respectively.
7. (Currently Amended) Cyclopenta[a]naphthalene derivative according to claim 1 ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~, characterised in that
at least one of X¹, X² and X³ or at least one of X^{1a}, X^{1b}, X² and X³ is -CF₃, fluorine or chlorine.
8. (Currently Amended) Cyclopenta[a]naphthalene derivative according to claim 1 ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~, characterised in that
X¹, X² and X³ or X^{1a}, X^{1b}, X² and X³ are -CF₃, fluorine and/or chlorine.
9. (Currently Amended) Cyclopenta[a]naphthalene derivative according to claim 1 ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~, characterised in that
X¹, X² and X³ or X^{1a}, X^{1b}, X² and X³ are fluorine.
10. (Currently Amended) Use of a cyclopenta[a]naphthalene derivative according to claim 1 ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~ in liquid-crystalline media.
11. (Currently Amended) Liquid-crystalline medium comprising at least two liquid-crystalline compounds, characterised in that it comprises at least one cyclopenta[a]naphthalene derivative according to claim 1 ~~at least one of Claims 1 to 9~~.
12. (Original) Electro-optical display element containing a liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 11.